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SUBJECT: EPA-IRAN ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT

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1. SUBSEQUENT TO SENDING REFTEL, EPA RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO ADMINISTRATOR FROM ESKANDAR FIROUZ:

"PURSUANT TO YOUR FRUITFUL VISIT TO IRAN AND THE SIGN-ING OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS, I AM PLEASED TO NOTIFY YOU OF THE COMPLETION OF THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 THEREOF.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES THE SERVICES OF EXPERTS IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WE WOULD THUS LIKE TO INITIATE A PROJECTUNDER THE TITLE "ADVISORY SERVICES AND TRAINING." ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND AN OUTLINE OF THE FIVE POSITIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FILLED AT THIS TIME. I BELIEVE THAT EPA WILL BE ABLE TO LOCATE SUITABLE CANDIDATES. IN ADDITION, THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE TECHNICAL TRAINING OF A NUMBER OF IRANIANS AT EPA.

IF THIS PROPOSAL MEETS; ITH YOUR APPROVAL, WE WILL PROCEED TO ESTABLISH A DOLLAR TRUST ACCOUNT IN THE U.S. TREASURY WITH AN INITIAL DEPOSIT OF 10,000,000 RIALS OR APPROXIMATELY \$140,000 (REFERENCE SECTION 3D(1) OF THE ANNEX TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT). AS THE CURRENT IRANIAN YEAR WILL END ON 20 MARCH 1977, ONLY A SHORT TIME REMAINS FOR US TO UTILIZE MONEY FROM OUR CURRENT BUDGET FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE ARE THEREFORE DESIROUS OF RECEIVING YOUR APPROVAL AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT THIS TRANSFER OF FUNDS CAN BE EFFECTED WITHOUT DELAY. SUBSEQUENTLY A DETAILED PROJECT DOCUMENT WILL BE PREPARED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT."

- 2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE FIROUZ THAT EPA WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING SERVICES ALONG WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPOSED DOLLAR TRUST ACCOUNT IF MODIFICATIONS IN AGREEMENT REFTEL ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DOE.
- 3. EPA WILLING TO ESTABLISH DOLLAR TRUST ACCOUNT EVEN THOUGH DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICES NOT YET NEGOTIATED. TO ACCOMPLISH LATTER, EPA WILL PLAN TO SEND TWO INDIVIDUALS TO IRAN EARLY APRIL TO NEGOTIATE SERVICES. COST OF THIS SERVICE WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST INITIAL DEPOSIT IN TRUST ACCOUNT.

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